(b) A small portion of JRY resources (viz. 5% of JRY funds or a maximum of Rs. 75 crores) has been kept apart for implementation of special & Innovative projects under Innovative JRY at the national level to benefit special groups of people or areas, which are currently getting by-passed by the on-going rural development programmes such as primitive tribal people, migrant labourers, bonded labourers and remote, extremely backward & inaccesible area.

(c) and (d) The JRY has been functioning very well since its inception. However, to make its implementation more effective, scheme was restructured and streamlined w.e.f. 1.1.1996. The IAY and MWS, the sub-schemes of JRY were delinked and made independent schemes by themselves. Intensified JRY was merged with Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). Now, JRY is being implemented as a separate scheme throughout the country.

Conversion of Pauri-Dehal Chouri Road into Heavy Vehicles Road

693. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2840 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1996 and state;

(a) the reasons for *1tot* giving sanction for conversion of light vehicle road to heavy vehicle road between Pauri to Dehal Chouri, district Pauri Garhwal, which is the long standing demand of the people of the area;

(b) whether District Magistrate, Pauri received any fresh demand in this regard duruig the month of December, 1996 the above subject; and

(c) if so, by when the said road would be converted into heavy vehicles road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA-DEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, mployment Through TRYSEM

694. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL .AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided employment through the training of Rural Youth for Self Employment scheme in the country, particularly in Punjab, during the last three years, as on the 31st January, 1997 and

(b) whether Govemment have formulated any national scheme and programme to solve the unemployment problem in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) The Statement indicating total number of Youth trained and employed in the country and in Punjab in particular under TRYSEM during the last three years and the current year till January, 1997 is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) No additional employment-oriented programme apart from the ongoing programmes have been launched by this Ministry.

Statement

Employment through TRYSEM

Year	Total Youths trained		Total employed	
	All India	Punjab	Ali India	Punjab
1993-94	303821	3870	150923	2441
1994-95	281874	3324	131431	2240
1995-96	291450	2670	141115	1690
1996-97 (upto Jan. 97)	199668	1125	75890	919